

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020**

The Warren County Council met for their first meeting of June 2020.

Council Members present for the meeting were: John Comer, George Taylor, Neil Ellis, Matt Commons, Ethan Foxworthy, Lee kay and Sharon Hutchison.

Also, in attendance: Auditor Robin Weston-Hubner; Commissioner, Brian Jordan; Randy Haddock, Surveyor; Rusty hart, Sheriff (telecommunication); Jon Charlesworth, Purdue Extension; Emily Ade, Purdue Extension; Michelle Stucky, Community Foundation.

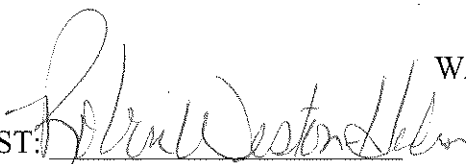
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1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Council President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Comer.
3. New Business:
 - a. Meeting Agenda Approval – Weston-Hubner added Sheriff assistance with construction zone on 63, 2020 salary ordinance, Purdue Extension concerning County Fair PPE. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor. Comer requested the LEDO position expansion to be added to the agenda. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second of Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - b. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the May 26, 2020 and February 18, 2020 Council/Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - c. Willow Dairy Abatement 2020 Pay 2021 – The abatement was discussed. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the Willow Dairy Abatement with a second from George Taylor, all voted in favor.
 - d. Sheriff Assistance with Construction Zone on State Road 63. Sheriff Hart explained MJ Electric has been in contact concerning help with additional patrols in the construction zone. MJ has agreed to pay the overtime rate, payroll taxes and mileage to the County. Weston-Hubner had contacted SBOA and was recommended to use public safety line with additional appropriation. Hart and Weston-Hubner discussed the amount to request of \$25,000 which would be reimbursed back to the fund. Hart explained this would likely be more than needed as this would only be for a few months. Hutchison inquired if the officers will be patrolling or sitting only with lights on at construction zone. Hart explained the deputies will be doing both depending on the work being done in the zone and need for safety. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as well as paying the deputies with reimbursement from MJ Electric with a second from Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor. Jud Barce will have a contract for Hart and present to Commissioners at the next meeting.
 - e. Resolution Declaring an Economic Development Area, Birkey's Farm Store – Jud Barce explained the project began in 2018, completed in 2019 and Birkey's is asking for a retroactive ERA. The Declaratory Resolution states the approval of the construction window and approve the abatement for 10 years. There will be a Hearing for Noncompliance with the Council to waive or not. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the Resolution #2020-0629A Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area and 10 Year Abatement for Birkey's Farm Store with a second from Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor.
 - f. Warren County/Purdue Extension request for PPE funding at the Warren County 4-H Fair – John Charlesworth and Emily Ade, 4-H educator explained the need for PPE during the fair. Hutchison explained she has been working with the Extension Office concerning this and a list was presented of PPE items needed. Ade explained the 4-H fair will be July 6-11 with judging beginning July 1st. Social Distancing will be required. The list includes 100 gloves, 500 masks, 10 22 oz hand sanitizer, 24 containers Clorox wipes, 5 gallons bleach, 3 one-gallon sprayers. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the PPE supply to the Extension Office for 4-H Fair from the EMA stock or pay from COVID with a second Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor.
 - g. Additional Appropriation Election Budget, Clerk – Hetrick requested an additional appropriation in election budget the primary election due the COVID requirements has exhausted her budget due to the ballot mailings. The request is for \$1,500 postage, \$1,000 legal and \$600 printing. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the additional appropriation to the Election budget as presented for \$3,100 total with a second from Neil Ellis, all voted in favor. After discussion concerning the general election, Lee Kay amended her motion to \$3000 postage rather than \$1,500 for a total of \$4,600 with a second from Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
 - h. Additional Appropriation for LEDO – Ethan made a motion to approve the Resolution #2020-0629B for LEDO in the EDIT budget of \$50,000 with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - i. 2020 Salary Ordinance Amendment – Weston-Hubner explained the position for the Prosecutor's Office was not added after approval earlier in the year. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the amended 2020 Salary Ordinance #2020-0629C with a second from Sharon Hutchison, all voted favor.
 - j. 2021 Budget – Weston-Hubner presented the 2021 budget books and explained the book is a compilation of elected official/department head requests. NAV is in process of certifying but expects it will be down.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Officer Holder Comment:
 - a. Brian Jordan, Commissioner – Presented information for repairs at the jail and courthouse. Estimate for Jail repair which includes masonry repair, small roof replacement, ladder replacement to the roof, EIFS or Stucco repairs. The courthouse also has repair for waterproofing on the northeast corner, masonry on upper ledge terra cotta, drainage issue. This would total approximately \$500,000 and is requesting approval of contract with RC Engineering to begin project. Cumulative Capital Development fund has a balance of \$877,000 with EMA reskinning of \$33,000 to be paid and revenue of \$200 - \$300. Lee Kay made a motion to allow the Commissioners to proceed with the repairs of approximately \$500,000 with a second from George Taylor, all voted in favor.
6. Public Comment: Michelle Stucky, Community Foundation – Stucky explained the Williamsport Falls now has over a mile of new trails and a sign has been donated placed off of Monroe Street. Warren County has an opportunity to acquire a new park containing 30 acres in West Lebanon that the Boy Scouts would like to donated. Community foundation has a fund trips and

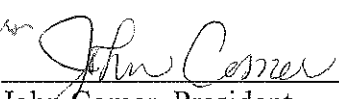
donates funds for insurance each year. Jordan discussed mapping cost of \$500-\$1,000 for county park brochure. Discussion concerning the Warren County Park Board overseeing the park and possibility of paying for maps/brochure from EDIT fund.

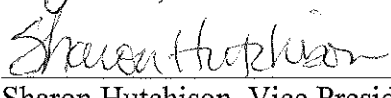
The next County Council meeting will be July 21, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and Budget Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

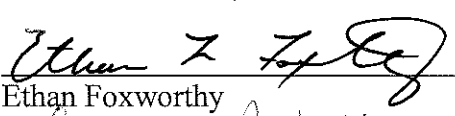
There being no further business, George Taylor made a motion to adjourn with a second from Matt Commons.

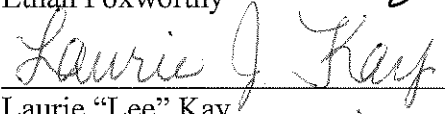
ATTEST: 
Robin Weston-Hubner


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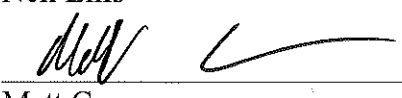

John Comer, President



Sharon Hutchison, Vice President


Ethan Foxworthy


Laurie "Lee" Kay


Neil Ellis


Matt Commons


George Taylor